

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1952.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R. J. Little), Perth.
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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1952 was estimated to be 596,509, comprising 307,588 Males and 288,921 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951 was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

| | JUNE. | | 6 Months ended JUNE. | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 |
| Marriages - Number. | 357 | 396 | 2,888 | 2,886 |
| *Rate per 1000 of Population. | 7.27 | 8.30 | 9.74 | 10.08 |
| Births - Number. | 1,204 | 1,200 | 7,699 | 7,491 |
| *Rate per 1000 of Population. | 24.50 | 25.14 | 25.98 | 26.15 |
| Deaths - Number. | 380 | 489 | 2,412 | 2,501 |
| *Rate per 1000 of Population. | 7.73 | 10.25 | 8.14 | 8.73 |
| Infant Mortality - Number. | 21 | 31 | 206 | 237 |
| *Rate per 1000 Live Births. | 17.44 | 25.83 | 26.76 | 31.64 |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| <u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u> | | | | |
| Tuberculosis. | 4 | 4 | 44 | 49 |
| Cancer. | 45 | 61 | 320 | 345 |
| Influenza. | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Diphtheria. | - | 3 | - | 8 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. | 44 | 58 | 279 | 271 |
| Arteriosclerosis. | 10 | 21 | 79 | 84 |
| Diseases of the Heart. | 122 | 170 | 730 | 759 |
| Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia. | 12 | 15 | 77 | 88 |
| Diarrhoea and Enteritis. | 1 | 2 | 21 | 45 |
| Nephritis. | 9 | 8 | 41 | 41 |
| Diseases of Early Infancy. | 15 | 21 | 133 | 145 |
| Senility. | 5 | 3 | 12 | 12 |
| Accidents. | 32 | 31 | 199 | 199 |
| All Other Causes. | 80 | 90 | 469 | 452 |
| Total. | 380 | 489 | 2,412 | 2,501 |

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July, 1952 totalled 650,462 acres, a decrease of 119,971 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,963,299 acres, a decrease of 351,818.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

| | Month of JULY. | | 12 Months ended JUNE. | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 |
| | £. | £. | £. | £. |
| Revenue. | 2,598,254 | 2,333,775 | 33,955,157 | 28,156,181 |
| Revenue per Head of Population. | £4. 6. 6 | £4. 0. 2 | £57. 9. 1 | £49. 5. 7 |
| Expenditure. | 3,130,982 | 2,426,646 | 34,546,768 | 27,996,834 |
| Expenditure per Head of Population. | £5. 4. 3 | £4. 3. 4 | £58. 9. 1 | £49. 0. 0 |

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st July, 1952 amounted to £47,737,583 or £79. 7. Od. per head of population as against £44,921,787 or £77. 13. 9d. per head as at the 31st July, last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 30th July, 1952 amounted to £10,468,865 compared with £10,319,479 for the corresponding period last year.

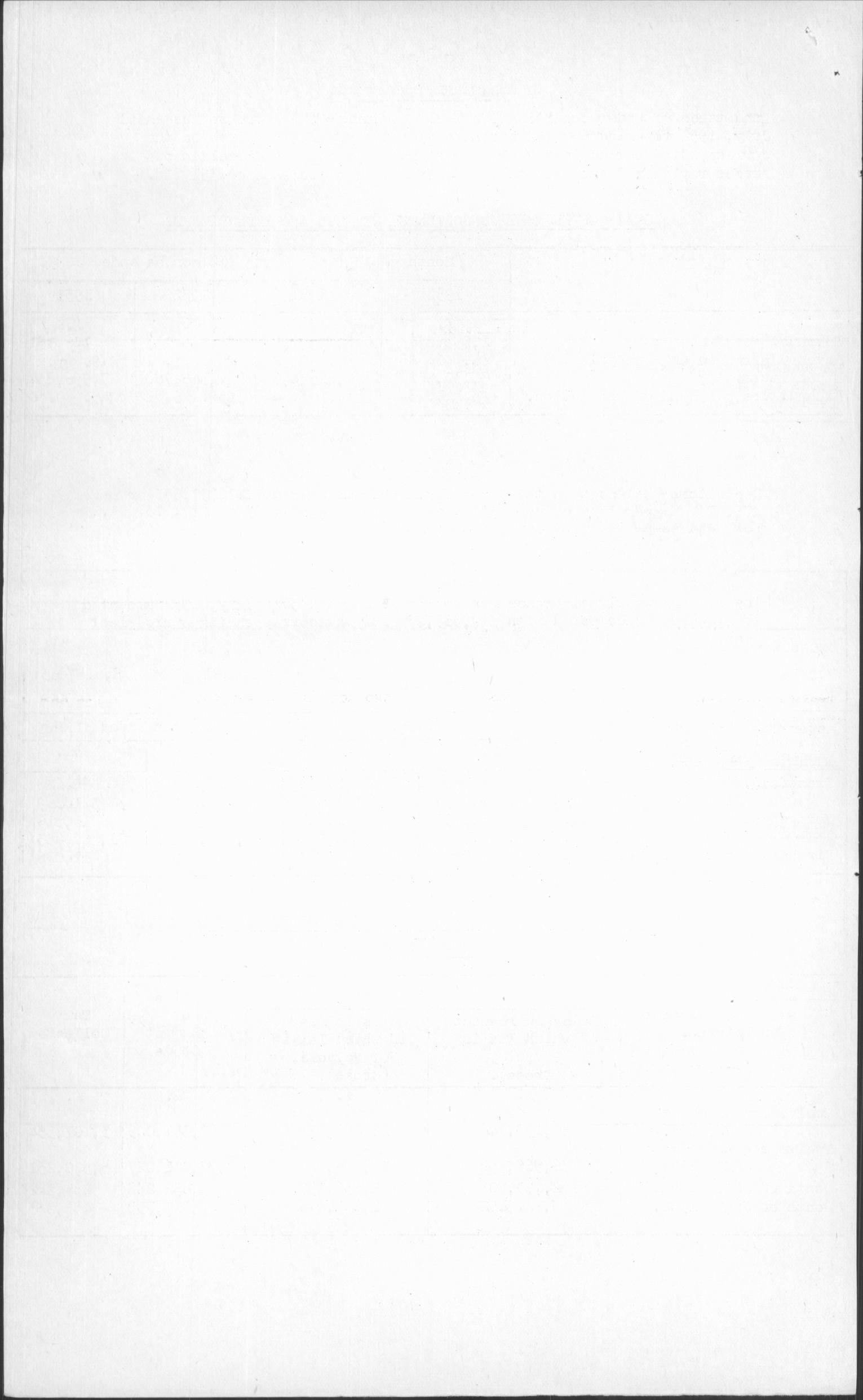
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

| Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds. | JULY. | | 12 Months ended JUNE. | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 |
| Transfers. | No. 1,732 £. 1,944,015 | 2,238 3,143,425 | 22,366 29,682,045 | 25,628 30,341,469 |
| Mortgages. | No. 1,319 £. 1,947,742 | 1,421 1,825,488 | 15,441 21,667,657 | 16,816 21,467,053 |
| Discharges of Mortgages. | No. 997 | 963 | 11,205 | 12,076 |

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX

COLLECTED.

| Period of Receipt of Returns. | TAXABLE GOODS. | | Sales of Exempt Goods. | Tax Collected. |
|---------------------------------|---|---|------------------------|----------------|
| | Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross). | Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross). | | |
| Twelve months ended JUNE, 1951. | £. 30,133,146 | £. 22,098,828 | £. 62,541,009 | £. 3,107,534 |
| Twelve months ended JUNE, 1952. | £. 36,965,858 | £. 28,016,523 | £. 87,011,027 | £. 5,520,231 |
| Month of JULY, 1951. | £. 2,440,808 | £. 2,336,159 | £. 5,658,238 | £. 285,282 |
| Month of JULY, 1952. | £. 3,124,492 | £. 2,137,946 | £. 7,311,758 | £. 488,323 |



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

10 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £855,000, and 6 Foreign Companies were registered during the month of July, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding month last year comprised 9 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £235,000, and 10 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

| | Month of JULY. | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|------|--------------|---------|
| | 1952 | | | 1951 | | |
| | No. | Liabilities. | Assets. | No. | Liabilities. | Assets. |
| Sequestration Orders. | 5 | £. 15,767 | £. 6,035 | 2 | £. 4,974 | £. 101 |
| Deeds of Assignment.(a) | 3 | 5,427 | 4,326 | 1 | 2,157 | 1,372 |
| Deeds of Arrangement. | - | - | - | 1 | 1,978 | 1,015 |

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

| | JUNE. | | 12 Months ended JUNE. | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 |
| Gross Earnings. (a) * | £. 595,132 | 808,914 | 9,163,532 | 7,196,214 |
| Working Expenses. (a) | £. 1,044,141 | 837,331 | 10,601,917 | 8,618,863 |
| Train Miles Run. No. | 420,798 | 589,521 | 6,801,622 | 7,135,668 |
| Motor Bus Miles Run. No. | (b) 335,358 | (b) 280,875 | 2,016,070 | 1,807,855 |
| <u>Passenger Journeys -</u> | | | | |
| Train. No. | 458,125 | 737,833 | 10,536,195 | 11,542,778 |
| Motor Bus. No. | 46,020 | 49,092 | 585,583 | 551,969 |
| <u>Tonnage Carried -</u> | | | | |
| Paying Goods. | 196,273 | 243,024 | 2,934,894 | 2,892,784 |
| Livestock. | 8,131 | 6,707 | 127,747 | 140,429 |
| Departmental. | | | | |
| (Free Freight). | 64,410 | 84,218 | 885,493 | 896,243 |
| Total. | 268,814 | 333,949 | 3,948,134 | 3,929,456 |
| <u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u> | | | | |
| Paying Goods. | 29,344,452 | 36,142,460 | 452,841,079 | 442,772,795 |
| Livestock. | 1,213,849 | 707,324 | 16,906,482 | 17,200,476 |
| Departmental. | | | | |
| (Free Freight). | 7,435,232 | 8,493,733 | 96,334,244 | 103,375,817 |
| Total. | 37,993,533 | 45,343,517 | 566,081,805 | 563,349,088 |

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Eight weeks ended 30th June.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

| | METROPOLITAN AREA. | | | | ENTIRE STATE. | | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------|
| | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities. | Buses. | Motor Cycles. | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities. | Buses. | Motor Cycles. |
| Year 1950 | No. 4,664 | No. 1,901 | No. 86 | No. 1,214 | No. 9,325 | No. 5,660 | No. 150 | No. 2,390 |
| Year 1951 | 4,263 | 2,088 | 51 | 1,886 | 7,914 | 5,730 | 101 | 3,192 |
| <u>1952 -</u> | | | | | | | | |
| January. | 290 | 148 | 1 | 140 | 602 | 398 | 3 | 237 |
| February. | 378 | 175 | 3 | 143 | 774 | 469 | 9 | 231 |
| March. | 407 | 228 | 4 | 156 | 881 | 611 | 11 | 261 |
| April. | 512 | 241 | 5 | 120 | 949 | 568 | 7 | 177 |
| May. | 390 | 186 | 8 | 65 | 769 | 494 | 13 | 115 |
| June. | 238 | 129 | 16 | 68 | 501 | 388 | 18 | 115 |

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

| Date (as at end of Month) | METROPOLITAN AREA. | | | | ENTIRE STATE. | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------------|
| | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities. | Buses. | Motor Cycles. | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities. | Buses. | Motor Cycles. |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| <u>1950 -</u> | | | | | | | | |
| June. | 28,529 | 12,530 | 443 | 7,707 | 48,485 | 41,688 | 826 | 12,890 |
| <u>1951 -</u> | | | | | | | | |
| June. | 32,966 | 14,461 | 499 | 8,876 | 56,109 | 46,150 | 950 | 14,521 |
| <u>1952 -</u> | | | | | | | | |
| January. | 35,934 | 15,770 | 498 | 9,834 | 59,073 | 46,524 | 915 | 14,934 |
| February. | 36,069 | 15,824 | 501 | 9,867 | 60,178 | 48,141 | 950 | 15,357 |
| March. | 36,377 | 15,964 | 507 | 9,907 | 60,967 | 48,676 | 963 | 15,507 |
| April. | 36,863 | 16,133 | 507 | 9,953 | 62,146 | 49,462 | 962 | 15,796 |
| May. | 37,050 | 16,210 | 509 | 9,894 | 62,999 | 50,354 | 973 | 15,902 |
| June. | 37,873 | 16,368 | 522 | 9,952 | 64,180 | 50,897 | 988 | 16,041 |

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for June, 1952:-

97 Cars; 748 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, June, 1952 and 1951, and twelve months ended June, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

| | IMPORTS. | | | | EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores). | | | |
|-------------|----------|-------|-----------------------|--------|--|-------|-----------------------|---------|
| | JUNE. | | 12 Months ended JUNE. | | JUNE. | | 12 months ended JUNE. | |
| | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 |
| Oversea. | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 |
| Interstate. | 2,604 | 3,619 | 60,237 | 40,258 | 5,467 | 6,122 | 79,551 | 102,197 |
| | 5,633 | 5,028 | 62,104 | 47,914 | 7,217* | 1,364 | 18,012 | 9,661 |
| Total. | 8,237 | 8,647 | 122,341 | 88,172 | 12,684** | 7,486 | 97,563 | 111,858 |

* Includes gold bullion, valued at £4,994,000, which was exported during the period December-May but not recorded until June, 1952.

Unter den verschiedenen Beweismitteln, welche die Staatsanwaltschaft vorlegte, war ein Schriftstück, welches die Tatsache bestätigte, daß der Angeklagte am 1. Februar 1915 einen Betrag von 1000 Mark an den Konsul von Russland in Berlin überwiesen habe.

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

| Period. | Dwellings. | | | | Factories. | | Other. | | Total. | |
|---------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| | Owner-Built. | | By Contractors etc. (a) | | | | | | | |
| | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. |
| Year 1946 | 55 | £,000 32 | 1,316 | £,000 1,221 | 52 | £,000 82 | 145 | £,000 192 | 1,568 | £,000 1,527 |
| Year 1947 | 165 | 109 | 2,245 | 2,380 | 37 | 64 | 164 | 327 | 2,611 | 2,880 |
| Year 1948 | 514 | 346 | 2,544 | 3,041 | 49 | 160 | 268 | 431 | 3,375 | 3,978 |
| Year 1949 | 825 | 693 | 2,485 | 3,476 | 57 | 215 | 317 | 657 | 3,684 | 5,041 |
| Year 1950 | 1,313 | 1,365 | 3,331 | 4,727 | 41 | 263 | 428 | 651 | 5,113 | 7,006 |
| Year 1951 | 1,913 | 2,835 | 4,137 | 6,969 | 40 | 459 | 433 | 986 | 6,523 | 11,249 |
| <u>1952 -</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| March Qr. | 586 | 1,103 | 898 | 1,779 | 14 | 185 | 121 | 399 | 1,619 | 3,466 |
| June Qr. | 737 | 1,296 | 1,175 | 2,458 | 9 | 103 | 128 | 428 | 2,049 | 4,285 |

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

| Period. | Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls. | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|--|--------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| | Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc. | | Wood or Mainly Wood. | | Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement. | | Other Material. | | Total. | |
| | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. |
| Year 1946 | 578 | £,000 640 | 186 | £,000 140 | 373 | 296 | 227 | £,000 172 | 1,364 | £,000 1,248 |
| Year 1947 | 1,114 | 1,365 | 257 | 196 | 966 | 862 | 62 | 47 | 2,399 | 2,470 |
| Year 1948 | 1,252 | 1,715 | 326 | 249 | 1,436 | 1,348 | 29 | 22 | 3,043 | 3,334 |
| Year 1949 | 1,449 | 2,235 | 228 | 191 | 1,571 | 1,649 | 42 | 43 | 3,290 | 4,118 |
| Year 1950 | 1,709 | 2,882 | 337 | 311 | 2,262 | 2,572 | 55 | 48 | 4,363 | 5,813 |
| Year 1951 | 2,155 | 4,560 | 453 | 525 | 2,933 | 4,241 | 190 | 218 | 5,731 | 9,544 |
| <u>1952 -</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| March Qr. | 559 | 1,374 | 113 | 171 | 769 | 1,255 | 36 | 70 | 1,477 | 2,870 |
| June Qr. | 732 | 1,858 | 138 | 245 | 986 | 1,542 | 43 | 87 | 1,899 | 3,732 |

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,459,513 lbs. were produced during July, 1952, and 14,639,655 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1952, as against 1,598,296 lbs. and 15,574,087 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

| | JULY. | | 7 Months ended JULY. | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 |
| Quantity | Fine Ozs. | 64,854 | 48,971 | 417,100 |
| Value (Aust. Currency).* | £. | 1,004,704 | 758,639 | 6,461,621 |
| | | | | 369,672 |
| | | | | 5,726,847 |

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the seven months ended July, 1952 amounted to £390,025. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £502,222.

THE COFFEE INDUSTRY

the coffee industry is a very large one, and it is difficult to get a clear picture of its size and scope. The following figures, however, give some idea of the relative importance of different countries in the production of coffee.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

| | Food and Groceries. | | | | All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series). | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------------|------|--|------|-----------------------|------|
| | JUNE QUARTER. | | 12 Months ended JUNE. | | JUNE QUARTER. | | 12 Months ended JUNE. | |
| | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 |
| Metropolitan Area. | 2308 | 1904 | 2176 | 1754 | 2158 | 1827 | 2035 | 1673 |
| Kalgoorlie-Boulder. | 2512 | 2055 | 2344 | 1887 | 2251 | 1906 | 2122 | 1762 |
| Northam. | 2374 | 1938 | 2227 | 1771 | 2180 | 1842 | 2039 | 1687 |
| Bunbury. | 2356 | 1931 | 2221 | 1773 | 2178 | 1825 | 2055 | 1688 |
| Geraldton. | 2409 | 1972 | 2267 | 1803 | 2285 | 1921 | 2137 | 1760 |
| Collie. | 2379 | 1931 | 2227 | 1772 | 2070 | 1750 | 1952 | 1607 |

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

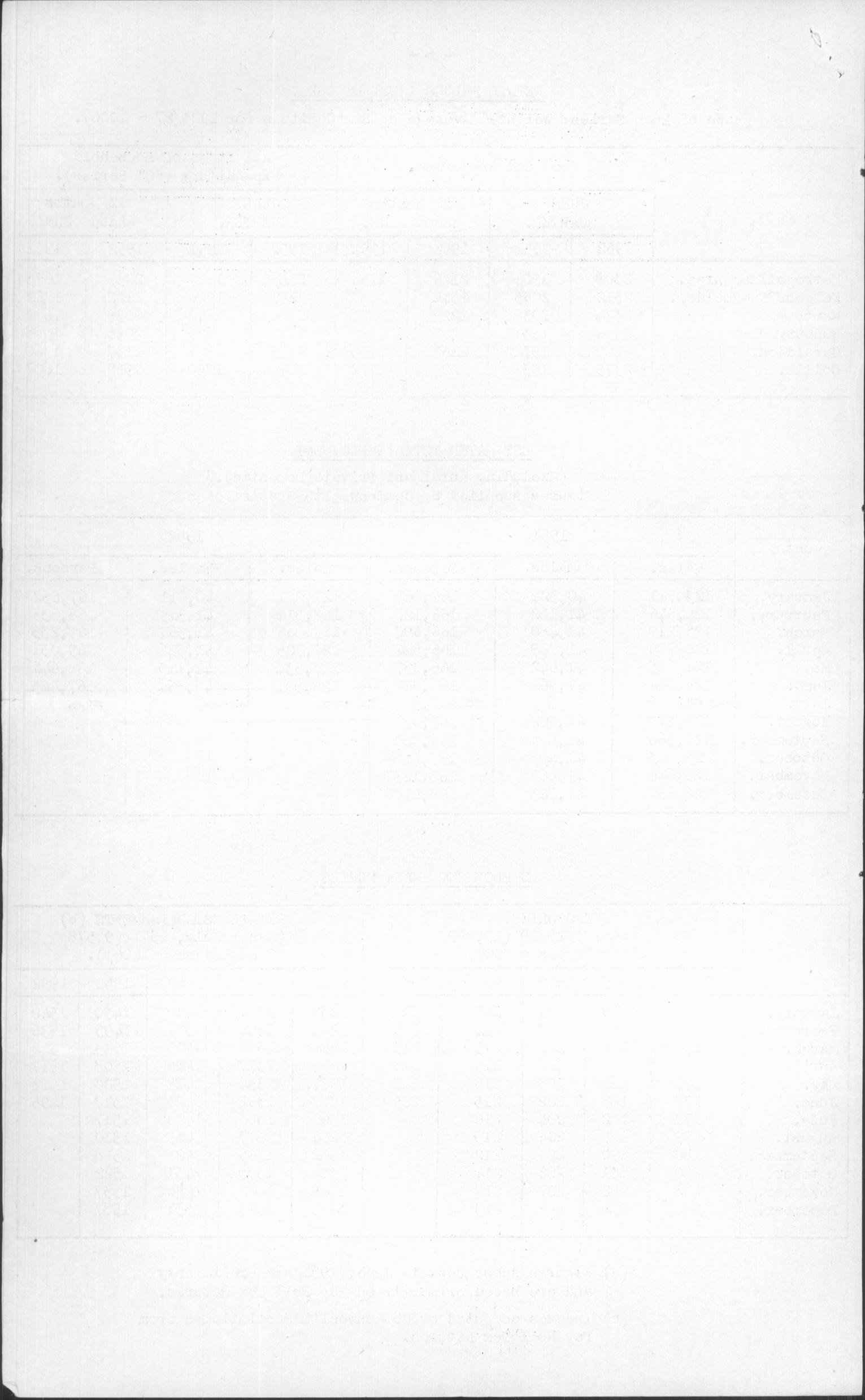
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).
Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

| Month. | 1951 | | | 1952 | | |
|------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Males. | Females. | Persons. |
| January. | 123,741 | 40,324 | 164,065 | 127,021 | 40,611 | 167,632 |
| February. | 124,946 | 41,182 | 166,128 | 127,514 | 41,319 | 168,833 |
| March. | 125,210 | 41,480 | 166,690 | 127,866 | 41,367 | 169,233 |
| April. | 124,785 | 41,729 | 166,514 | 127,705 | 41,326 | 169,031 |
| May. | 124,715 | 41,642 | 166,357 | 127,534 | 41,110 | 168,644 |
| June. | 125,284 | 41,564 | 166,848 | 126,901 | 40,564 | 167,465 |
| July. | 125,649 | 41,445 | 167,094 | | | |
| August. | 125,475 | 41,602 | 167,077 | | | |
| September. | 125,366 | 41,474 | 166,840 | | | |
| October. | 125,843 | 41,405 | 167,248 | | | |
| November. | 126,646 | 41,467 | 168,113 | | | |
| December. | 126,667 | 41,743 | 168,410 | | | |

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

| | FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)) | | | | | RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)). | | | | |
|------------|---|------|------|---------|---------|--|------|------|------|------|
| | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951(a) | 1952(a) | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 |
| January. | 171 | 179 | 194 | 208 | 213 | 1233 | 1354 | 1410 | 1490 | 1540 |
| February. | 172 | 182 | 197 | 212 | 213 | 1249 | 1358 | 1387 | 1495 | 1536 |
| March. | 176 | 186 | 200 | 215 | 213 | 1264 | 1371 | 1415 | 1513 | 1522 |
| April. | 176 | 187 | 200 | 215 | 213 | 1264 | 1377 | 1415 | 1508 | 1517 |
| May. | 177 | 187 | 203 | 216 | 212 | 1277 | 1354 | 1418 | 1500 | 1512 |
| June. | 177 | 187 | 202 | 215 | 209 | 1277 | 1362 | 1429 | 1517 | 1495 |
| July. | 177 | 182 | 204 | 216 | | 1301 | 1381 | 1423 | 1517 | |
| August. | 179 | 189 | 204 | 215 | | 1294 | 1377 | 1419 | 1510 | |
| September. | 180 | 190 | 204 | 212 | | 1302 | 1365 | 1428 | 1518 | |
| October. | 180 | 191 | 206 | 214 | | 1318 | 1375 | 1431 | 1522 | |
| November. | 182 | 192 | 207 | 214 | | 1349 | 1402 | 1450 | 1537 | |
| December. | 182 | 194 | 207 | 213 | | 1385 | 1470 | 1531 | 1587 | |

- (a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.
(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



STATE BASIC WAGE.

| Date of Operation. | Metropolitan Area. | | South-West Land Division. | | Goldfields and Rest of State. | |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. |
| 28th July, 1952. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. |
| | 11. 12. 3 | 7. 11. 0 | 11. 12. 5 | 7. 11. 1 | 11. 18. 0 | 7. 14. 8 |

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations).

| Particulars. | JULY. | | 12 Months ended JUNE. | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 |
| Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.) | 30,997 | 27,620 | 323,781 | 277,825 |
| Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.) | 27,304 | 24,367 | 281,645 | 253,007 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

| Period. | Cattle. | Calves. | Sheep. | Pigs. |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| July, 1952. | 14,369 | 735 | 65,780 | 8,819 |
| July, 1951. | 14,673 | 340 | 27,513 | 10,125 |
| 7 Months ended July, 1952. | 65,371 | 3,143 | 456,545 | 64,673 |
| 7 Months ended July, 1951. | 69,444 | 2,274 | 297,020 | 61,738 |

